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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits for the above-identified patent application, Applicant respectfully submits this Preliminary Amendment to place the application in condition for examination. The amendments to the Specification include those appearing in the Amended Sheets attached to the translation of the original application (which are amendments made to the international application), as well as further amendments to put the Specification in condition for U.S. prosecution. An amendment is presented herein to add an Abstract. Also, there are amendments herein to the claims, and it should be noted that these amendments are to the claims as they are presented in the aforementioned Amended Sheets.